MEETING OF THE COMMISSION OF FINE ARTS
8 JANUARY 1964

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MEETING OF THE COMMISSION OF FINE ARTS
8 January 1964

The Commission met, pursuant to notice in executive session, at 2:30 p.m., with William Walton, Chairman, presiding.

Present were: Members: William Walton
Gordon Bunshaft
Burnham Kelly
Theodore Roszak
Aline Saarinen
John Carl Warnecke

Staff: L.R. Wilson, Secretary
C.H. Atherton, Asst.Secy
C.L. Martin, Counsel
Myra Younker, Editor
Leone Vialpando, Recorder

I. ADMINISTRATION

1. Reception with the President

The Chairman announced that President Johnson had invited the members of the Commission to meet with him in the White House at 11:00 a.m. on the following day.

2. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the meeting on November 18th and 19th were approved as drafted.

3. Date of Next Meeting

The members agreed that the next meeting of the Commission would be on February 19th at 9:30 a.m., with an executive session on February 18th at 10:15 a.m.

4. Revised Budget Estimate, Fiscal Year 1965

It was reported that President Johnson had determined employment and expenditures by federal agencies in Fiscal Year 1965 should be held at or below the amounts previously approved by the Bureau of the Budget, and had directed that agency heads seek means to reduce their requests for new personnel and expenditures. The Director of the Bureau of the Budget requested the Chairman to reexamine the tentative allowance previously approved by the Bureau and to report to him the nature and amount of reduction believed feasible.

The Secretary, because of the absence of the Chairman, and after consulting with the Vice Chairman, responded that the Commission believed it could perform its functions effectively in Fiscal Year 1965 if one of the two new technical positions on the staff was eliminated. EXHIBIT A

Subsequently, the Secretary was informed that the request for both technical positions had been disapproved and that a budget request of $161,000 had been approved by the Bureau of the Budget.

The members agreed that no protest should be made inasmuch as the budget estimate approved represented an increase in excess of 75% of the Fiscal Year 1964 budget.

II. SUBMISSIONS-REVIEWS-INTERVIEWS

1. General Services Administration, Public Buildings Service, Federal Office Building No. 5 - Revised Design

It was announced that the Commission would meet jointly with the National Capital Planning Commission on the following day to discuss objections raised concerning the massing and alignment scheme for the building recommended by the Commission of Fine Arts at the 20 November 1963 meeting. In separate meetings in December with Mr. Warnecke in Washington and Mrs. Saarinen and Mr. Bunshaft in New York City, Mrs. James Rowe, Chairman of the Planning Commission, reported that several members of the Planning Commission had objected to the proposed 200 foot width of the building and the proposal to align the structure with the Department of Agriculture and the Health, Education and Welfare buildings along Independence Avenue. It was their contention that an excessive amount of deep interior space would be created and that the structure should not exceed 120 feet in width. They also thought the proposed alignment would be overpowering in its effect on the Smithsonian Building and would largely destroy the values gained by spanning Tenth Street as the entranceway to the L'Enfant Plaza.

In a general discussion the members reiterated their strong objection to the six-story building with wings paralleling Tenth Street and two-story structures attached to the north facade.

After examining a scale model of the area they agreed that the building could be set back further from Independence Avenue because of the traffic which will be generated at the entranceway to the Tenth Street Mall.

The members concurred in Mr. Bunshaft's suggestion that the Commission accept a 120 foot wide structure along Independence Avenue and proposed that a lower height be maintained by constructing a separate building in the southeast portion of the lot to accomodate the required additional floor space. This building would not be elevated on stilts and could equal the height of the structure parallel to the Avenue.

It was agreed that the Commission should stress the point that the area across the Tenth Street Mall in the southwest portion of the site should be developed simultaneously to prevent its use as a parking lot.

Later in the day Mr. Karel Yasko, Assistant Commissioner, Public Buildings Service, joined the meeting and the compromise solution was explained to him. Mr. Yasko expressed himself as being generally in favor of the proposed changes.

No final action was taken.

2. Government of the District of Columbia, Department of Licenses and Inspections

a. Shipstead-Luce Act

(1) Watergate Development at Virginia Avenue, New Hampshire Avenue and Rock Creek and Potomac Parkway, N.W., S.L.64-79

The members examined drawings and other material relating to a revised schedule of heights for the five buildings in the project intended to conform to the agreement reached at the 20 November 1963 meeting. At that time the Commission had stated that it would act favorably upon the project plan if a uniform cornice line of 140 feet above water level was maintained with one penthouse level above it.

It was noted that the revised plan proposed that Buildings Nos. 3, 4 and 5 reach a height of 152'6" above water level with the cornice level at 143'4". No change in the height of Building No. 2 was proposed, and the cornice height of building no. 1 was shown as 151'2" with two penthouse levels reaching a height of 168'6" above water level.

The members agreed that the changes in heights proposed did not comply with the intent of the Commission's agreement at the November meeting. They also noted that although the Commission had stated that the villas should be eliminated, the drawings showed seven villas in place.

It was decided that the Commission would hear the architect's statement on the following day and the Chairman would then announce that the Commission could not approve the proposed plan.

(2) Building Applications, Appendix 1

The Assistant Secretary reviewed the report of actions taken on Shipstead-Luce applications forwarded for review by the District of Columbia Department of Licenses and Inspections. The report was dated 8 January 1964 and comprised Appendix 1 of the Order of Business. The members confirmed the favorable action in the case of S.L. 64-78, 729 15th Street, N.W. There were no unfavorable recommendations.

The members discussed S.L. 64-77, 1347 E Street, N.W., Bassin's

Restaurant, an application to remove the existing cornice and face the upper floors of the front facade facing Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W. with an aluminum prefabricated siding of oriental ivory color. The Commission recommended that existing architecture be preserved and the building front be repainted.

(3) Preliminary Submission

S.L. 64-67, 704-17th Street, N.W. was an informal submission of a proposed design for an office building to be located on a triangular site at the southwest corner of Pennsylvania Avenue, G Street and 17th Street, opposite the Old State, War and Navy Building. The drawings showed a prefabricated concrete and glass building divided into two heights- a portion near 17th Street at 90 feet and the remainder along Pennsylvania Avenue at 110 feet. It was explained the apparent reason for the differing heights was that the two portions of the lot were in different zoning classifications. It was also noted that the corner near 17th Street was concave in shape and not on axis with the street line.

The members were of the opinion that a building so near the Executive Office Building should display excellent architecture. They did not believe the preliminary design measured up to the desired standard. They suggested that the architectural problem imposed by the zoning regulations would be better solved if a uniform 90' cornice line was maintained across the entire Pennsylvania Avenue facade. It was recommended that the portion of the building above 90' then be set back the equivalent of a column bay on both the Pennsylvania Avenue and G Street sides of the building. This would be equivalent to a setback of approximately 20 feet. The members also thought the concave corner near 17th Street was unnecessary and undesirable and that this corner of the building should be on axis with the street.

The Chairman was authorized to send a letter setting forth the Commission's recommendations. EXHIBIT B

b. Old Georgetown Act, Public Law 808, 81st Congress

Building Applications, Appendix 2

The Assistant Secretary reported the actions taken after the recommendations of the Old Georgetown Board of Architectural Consultants, on applications forwarded for review by the District of Columbia Department of Licenses and Inspections. The report was dated 8 January 1964, and comprised Appendix 2 of the Order of Business. After examining the individual cases the Commission confirmed the favorable recommendations. There were no unfavorable recommendations.

3. National Park Service, National Capital Region

a. Construction Program, Fiscal Year 1965

The Assistant Secretary reviewed for the members a list of expenditures for capital improvements to buildings and grounds in the National Capital area proposed by the National Park Service for inclusion in their Fiscal Year 1965 budget requests. The list is EXHIBIT C.

It was explained that the list was submitted in accordance with Bureau of the Budget Circular A-11, which requires that budget estimates for plans and construction of buildings which may affect the appearance of the city in an important way must be submitted to the Commission of Fine Arts for its advice.

After considering the list the members voiced no objections to the proposed expenditures, but questioned the basis of an estimate of $132,600 for floodlighting the Jefferson Memorial prior to the selection of a lighting consultant and the preparation of preliminary plans. They thought it would be unwise to select a specific sum until after the receipt of the advice of a consultant. It was concluded that the staff should find out the basis for the estimate and report to the Commission at its next meeting.

b. Southwest Neighborhood Park (Lansburgh), Delaware Avenue, Eye Street to M Street, S.W. - Proposed Development Plan

Proposed plans for the treatment of a new park to be located near low income public housing and two recreation centers in Southwest Washington were examined. A design analysis of the plan was also considered. EXHIBIT D. The analysis indicated that the primary estimated use of the park would be by pre-school children and older adults. The plans showed that existing trees would be retained and additional trees added.

The members decided to postpone consideration of the design until a meeting when the landscape architect member of the Commission could be present. No action was taken.

III. LEGISLATION

A report containing a summary of the legislative reports prepared by the Commission at the request of committees of the 88th Congress and the Bureau of the Budget during the 1st Session was submitted for the record. The report is EXHIBIT E.

IV. BUSINESS TRANSACTED BETWEEN MEETINGS - APPENDIX III

Because of the cancellation of the December meeting two matters which required immediate attention and the advice of the Commission were presented to the members by mail or discussed over the telephone. These matters and the decisions of the members are listed in Appendix III of the Order of Business.

Thereafter, at 5:00 p.m. the meeting was recessed until 9:30 a.m. on the following day.

Respectfully submitted,

C. L. Martin

C.L. Martin, Counsel

MEETING OF THE COMMISSION OF FINE ARTS
8 January 1964

PM
2:30 I. CONVENE, ROOM 7000, INTERIOR DEPARTMENT BUILDING

II. ADMINISTRATION

1. Approval of Minutes of November 1963 Meeting

2. Date of Next Meeting:

Executive Session: 18 February 1964, 10:15 a.m.
Open Session: 19 February 1964, 9:30 a.m.

3. Revised Budget Estimate, Fiscal Year 1965

III. SUBMISSIONS-REVIEWS-INTERVIEWS

1. General Services Administration, Public Buildings Service

Federal Office Building No. 5

2. Government of the District of Columbia, Department of Licenses and Inspections

Shipstead-Luce Act

a. Watergate Development at Virginia Avenue, New Hampshire Avenue and Rock Creek & Potomac Parkway, N.W. S.L. 64-79

~~b. Apartment House, 2700 Adams Mill Road, N.W. S.L. 64-50~~

c. Building Applications, Appendix 1

Old Georgetown Act

Building Applications, Appendix 2

3. National Park Service, National Capital Region

a. Construction Program, Fiscal Year 1965

b. Southwest Neighborhood Park (Lansburgh), Delaware Avenue, Eye Street to M Street, S.W.-Proposed Development Plan

January 24, 1964

Dear Mr. President:

I am writing in reply to your memorandum of 30 November 1963, which requested a report on the steps that have been taken to reduce costs within the Commission of Fine Arts.

Two positions have been eliminated from our proposed staff of ten for fiscal year 1965, thereby effecting a 20% reduction in our previous employment estimates.

A program has been developed which will assign to our present staff that part of the duties previously planned for the two additional positions. The principal emphasis will be increased coordination with other agencies and a more complete staff study of projects prior to review by members of the Commission.

Our remaining expenditures are all of an operational nature, such as member's travel expenses, printing and reproduction costs, etc., and we expect them to continue close to the present rate.

Faithfully yours,

William Walton
Chairman

The President
The White House
Washington, D. C.

January 8, 1964

Dear Mr. Green:

Preliminary plans for the proposed office building at 704-17th Street, N. W. (Informal S. L. 64-67) were reviewed by the Commission of Fine Arts at its meeting on January 8, 1964.

Two changes were recommended: (1) The 17th Street facade should parallel the axis of the street and be in alligment with the buildings immediately to the south. (2) Two additional stories on the 110' portion of the building should be set back the distance of one bay on both "F" Street and Pennsylvania Avenue and should be treated as a related but distinct element apart from the rest of the building. In order to strengthen this effect the lower stories should terminate at the 90' level in a definite line.

The Commission would like to see larger detail drawings of the elevations before commenting specifically on the architectural design.

Sincerely yours,

Charles H. Atherton

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Mr. Julian P. Green
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UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE
NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION
1100 OHIO DRIVE, S. W.
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IN REPLY REFER TO:

DEC 27 1963

Mr. William Walton
Chairman
The Commission of Fine Arts
Department of the Interior
Washington, D. C., 20240

Dear Mr. Walton:

In compliance with instructions contained in Bureau of the Budget Circular A-11, there follows a list of construction projects located in the District of Columbia, proposed for accomplishment in the 1965 fiscal year.

Construct Submaintenance Unit and Site Development $301,100
This will be located at Elliot and Clark Places, N. W. It will replace the present inadequate and antiquated maintenance facilities located at 2800 Chain Bridge Road, N. W., and storage facilities at Elliot and Clark Places, N. W., by combining the two operations into one unit located at the latter location.

Improvements to Small Parks and Reservations $239,000
This project includes funds to be used mainly for rehabilitating the numerous small parks and reservations throughout the city by replanting shrubbery, resodding, etc.

Floodlighting Columbus Statue $ 30,[illegible]
We believe this project is self-explanatory.

Floodlighting Jefferson Memorial $132,600
The Commission is familiar with the project to floodlight the Jefferson Memorial. It will replace the experimental floodlights that have been left in place temporarily. The Selection and Evaluation Board has been designated, in accordance with Departmental regulations, to select a consultant to prepare preliminary plans for this project and it is expected that the Board will make a selection shortly.

Access Road, Walks, and Parking Area for Visitor Center, Kenilworth Gardens, Anacostia Park $112,000
This installation will provide services for a visitor center proposed to be included in the 1966 fiscal year construction program.

[illegible]

Park Road Lighting, Ohio Drive, from Jefferson
Memorial to Hains Point $ 20,000

The plan for the lighting and the light standards was approved by the Commission in 1963. These funds are for the purchase of the light standards.

Construction of Reflecting Pool Drives, Lincoln
Memorial to 14th Street (Por.) $300,000

This continues a project which was studied in connection with the Lincoln Memorial Underpass and which was reviewed and approved by the Commission.

Reconstruction and Relocation of Roadways, Vicinity
of Arlington Memorial Bridge, George Washington
Memorial Parkway, Virginia $600,000

This money is programmed to complete a project in the 1964 fiscal year construction program which has been considered and approved by the Commission.

You will recall our discussion several months ago wherein you indicated the Commission would not be interested in such projects as underground water supply, underground utilities, and rehabilitation and repairs which do not affect the appearance of the park facilities involved. Such projects have not been included above.

We will, of course, provide plans for these projects as they become available for the Commission's approval. If there are any questions you may have we will be pleased to discuss them with you.

Sincerely yours,

Robert C. Horne

A... Regional Director

DESIGN ANALYSIS
SOUTHWEST NEIGHBORHOOD PARK (LANSBURGH)

Southwest Neighborhood Park, or more commonly known as Lansburgh Park, is located in the new southwest, fronting Delaware Avenue and having connecting links to M Street and Eye Street.

The proposed park site has been acquired by the National Capital Planning Commission under authority of the Capper-Cramton Act. This Act provides for the administrative jurisdiction of lands purchased by the Commission to be the responsibility of the National Park Service. The site has been completely cleared by the Redevelopment Land Agency and is available now for development as a park.

The Urban Renewal Plan for Southwest Urban Renewal Area Project C-1, Project D. C. R-5 adopted by the National Capital Planning Commission on June 16, 1960 and approved by the D. C. Board of Commissioners on October 25, 1960 states the following regulations and controls covering the development of the Park:

"4. Public Areas:

(2) Park. The improvements for park areas may include landscaping, sitting areas, facilities for such games as shuffleboard, horseshoes, tennis, or other game facilities in keeping with surrounding physical development."

The National Park Service feels that the major intent of this Park area should be as a large open green space suitable for passive, as opposed to organized recreation. Two factors that greatly influence the design of this Park are: (1) low income public housing in the immediate area of the Park, and (2) the relationship of the Park to the two Recreation Centers: Greenleaf-Hoover and Randall. It is with these considerations in mind that we note our greatest use of the Park will come from two age groups: (1) the pre-school, or mother supervised age who need a place to romp and run off steam, and (2) the adult, or senior citizen age, who need a place to congregate, meet people, talk, play chess or cards, toss horseshoes, etc. We feel that facilities for these two groups can be provided for within the context of an open green space park.

The Park site is a relatively level piece of ground with very little remaining which would influence the physical design of the Park. Part of the existing road base could be used in the construction of the plaza as could much of the existing street drainage system. The few trees remaining, although considerably damaged by the clearing of the site, are worth saving. First Street, K Street and L Street are all to be closed off and obliterated. Pedestrian access to the Park would be at the points indicated on the plan. The existing brick sidewalks are in poor condition and other than a source of material are of no use.

EXHIBIT D

In the design, use areas are defined by a combination of shade and flowering trees, walks, bollards w/chain, and sculptured earth forms. The plaza and greensword are inframed on three sides by the grove of trees which is raised approximately three feet and on the other by large shade trees, walk and bollards.

Nestled behind the sculptured earth forms is the pre-school play area, away from the hub-bub of the plaza and off the major flow of pedestrian travel. South of the pre-school play area is an area of large shade trees and lawn.

The visual impact of the Park from the streets is mainly decorative. Many flowering trees floating beneath a canopy of large shade trees give the area a feeling of casualness and relaxation.

The activities one might expect to see in the plaza would be: conversation groups, chess and card games, shuffleboard, band concerts, block dances, art shows, craft shows, and bazaars. The greensword and also the benches provide opportunity for those who wish to watch the activities of the plaza.

The proposed site developments for the Community Services Building and the Friendship Baptist Church are also indicated on the plan. Pedestrian access from the Park walkways will be permitted to these two buildings as shown.

SUMMARY OF REPORTS PREPARED BY THE COMMISSION OF FINE ARTS AT THE REQUEST OF COMMITTEES OF THE 88TH CONGRESS, 1ST SESSION, JANUARY 9, 1963 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 1963.

1. Number of requests for reports on bills from Committees and the Bureau of the Budget on draft legislation and enrolled bills.

Senate	=	16
House of Representatives	=	22
Bureau of the Bud.	=	3
		41

2. Number of reports prepared and submitted to Division of Legislative Reference, Bureau of the Budget = 32

3. Reports cleared by the Bureau of the Budget and forwarded to Congressional Committees = 17

Balance on which no action taken = 15

Public Laws Enacted

1. S.J.Res. 51 - Medal - Major General B.D.Foulois. P.L. 88-107

2. S. 743 - Medal - 250th anniversary of death of Father Junipero Serra. P.L. 88-143

3. S. 1125 - Medal - 100th Anniversary Nevada Statehood. P.L. 88-147

4. H.R. 3488 - Medal - Indiana Statehood Sesquicentenial. P.L. 88-184

5. H.R. 7193 - Medal - 50th Anniversary of founding of 1st Union Health Center by ILGWU. P.L. 88-185

6. H.R. 7044 - Corrigidor-Bataan. P.L. 88-240

7. H.R. 9413 - 50 cent pieces. Kennedy likeness. P.L. 88-256

BILLS OF INTEREST INTRODUCED IN 1ST SESSION, 88TH CONGRESS

Title	CFA Rpt.	Hearings S.	Hearings H.	Passed Sen.	Passed House	Public Law	Comments
SENATE BILLS							
1. S.1316, to establish a Natl Council on the Arts and a Natl Arts Foundation	Favorable	Yes	No	Yes	No		CFA recommended Natl Arts Foundation be estab. after the National Council is organized. Senate passed S. 2379 which provides that the Arts Foundation shall be established 90 days after the bill becomes law.
2. S.J.Res.77, to establish a memorial bldg in the D.C. in memory of veterans of the Civil War	Unfavorable	No	No	No	No		CFA opposed on grounds that such a bldg to be built with Federal money was not justified and would duplicate existing facilities. H.J.Res. 402 identical.
3. S.2377, to provide that 50 cent pieces shall bear the likeness of John F. Kennedy.	CFA not rqst. to report.	No	No	Yes	Yes	PL 88-256	
4. S.1652, to amend the Natl Cult Ctr Act to extend the termination date & enlarge the Board of Trustees.	Favorable	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		Act extended termination date to 2 Sep. 1966 and increased the membership of the Board of Trustees to 30 persons.
5. S.J.Res.136, to rename the Natl Cult Ctr as the John Fitzgerald Kennedy Memorial Ctr & provide matching funds for constr.	Favorable	Joint Hear.		Yes	No		Name was amended in committee to read "John Fitzgerald Kennedy Ctr for the Performing Arts.

Title	CFA Rpt	Hearings S.	Hearings H.	Passed S.	Passed House	Public Law	Comments
6.S.1965 to auth. DC commissioners to collect rent for the occupancy of space in, on, under and over streets.	Favorable	No	No	No	No		CFA rcmd bill be amended to provide that applications in Shipstead Luce & Old Georgetown areas be referred to CFA.
7. S.1647 to authorize prosecution of transit development program.	Favorable	Yes	Yes	Yes	No		House of Rep. recommitted bill to District of Columbia Committee
HOUSE BILLS							
1.H.J.Res.267, to auth. removal of statue of Gen. John A. Rawlins to Galena, Ill.	Unfavorable	No	No	No	No		
2.H.R.6744,to auth reconstruction of substructure and superstructure of old 14th St. or Highway Bridge	Unfavorable	No	No	No	No		CFA opposed bill on grounds that it did not require a review of plans for approach roads located on federal park lands.
3.H.R.7044,relating to the Corregidor-Bataan Memorial	No rpt rqst	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	PL88-240	Bill, as amended scrapped proposed large-scale monument in favor of development similar to Gettysburg battlefield.
4.H.R.2984,to transfer jurisdiction of Nevius Tract near Arlington Cemetery to Secretary of the Army	Unfavorable	No	No	No	No		CFA opposed on grounds bill would not provide for protection of Marine Memorial now under jurisdiction of Department of the Interior.

REPORT OF ACTIONS TAKEN ON SHIPSTEAD-LUCE ACT APPLICATIONS

DEC 2 6 1963

NO SL 64-	ADDRESS AND OWNER	PROJECT
60	331 - 1st St., NE Plaza Hotel	2nd fl. addn. (dining rm.)

ACTION: App'd., 11/27/63.

Inf.

65	2070 Belmont Rd., NW Le Marquis Apts.	Remodel apt. bldg.

ACTION: App'd., provided 2 horizontal muntins are omitted in fixed sash on 1st fl. & in movable sash on remaining fls. See attached sketch, 12/18/63.

68	1113 Penna. Ave., NW Raleigh Hotel	Raze Restaurant (Marty's)

ACTION: App'd., 12/10/63.

69	415-12th St., NW Raleigh Hotel	Raze in entirety 13-story hotel. Not condemned by D. C.

ACTION: Ret'd. without action at telephone request of Ass't. Superintendent of Licenses & Permits, 12/16/63.

70	2030 F St., NW Oliver T. Carr, Jr., et al	Sample of material for apt. bldg. as requested in SL 64-56. Hanley Co. face brick, shade No. S72.

ACTION: App'd., 12/2/63.

71	726-17th St., NW Sans Souci	1 canopy, black canvas, from bldg. to curb. With fixed iron frames & posts, over front entr.

ACTION: Disap'd. Awning over entranceway not to exceed 3' projection into public space. See action on S. L. 2561, dated 11/14/62. DEC 2 6 1963

NO SL 64-	ADDRESS AND OWNER	PROJECT
72	1011 D St., NW Waffle Shop	Replace air cond. system with new.

ACTION: App'd., provided fresh air duct at forward part of bldg. is lowered over entire length approx. 12", & that condensing units are appropriately screened with a material of neutral color, 12/10/63.

73	801-16th St., NW St. John's Church	Install bulletin board on face of bldg. on south wall, & 1 on west wall at locations marked on photos.

ACTION: App'd., provided signs are mounted on posts located approx. 2' from the face of the bldg. as shown in attached sketch. Signs mounted directly on the wall detract from the appearance of the bldg. which is registered with the Nat'l. Park Service as a national historic landmark, 12/17/63.

74	1411 Penna. Ave., NW Occidental Restaurant	25' black canvas canopy with fixed iron frames & posts.

ACTION: Disap'd. Proposed marquee extending 25' across sidewalk to a distance 18" from curbline, would detract from the appearance of this important ceremonial Avenue. See action on SL 2440, dtd. 10/2/61, & SL 2518, dated 6/20/62, DEC 2 6 1963

75	2305 Calvert St., NW Business & Prof. Women's Club	Replace exist. cloth awning with new terra cotta alum. awn. with fixed alum. frames over door & stoop.

ACTION: Disap'd. Alum. awn. unsuited to character of bldg. No objection to replacing exist. awn. with new canvas awn. of same color & design, DEC 2 6 1963

76	125 C St., SE Maurice Rosenblatt	Rev. of SL 64-43. Remove exist. front steps & build new steps to entr. at lower level. This work was informally reviewed & app'd. 10/15/63 by SL 64-43.

ACTION: App'd., provided windows on front elevation are of a uniform double-hung design, 12/18/63.

REPORT OF ACTIONS TAKEN ON SHIPSTEAD-LUCE ACT APPLICATIONS 1/8/64

NO SL 64- Inf.	ADDRESS AND OWNER	PROJECT
67	704-17th St., NW Oliver Carr, Jr., et al	Construct new bldg. on site.

ACTION: See attached ltr. dtd. 1/8/64 to Ass't. Sup't. of Licenses & Permits. In ref. to date of application, see ltr. dtd. 11/29/63 to Mr. J. P. Green, 1/8/64.

77	1347 E St., NW Bassin's Restaurant	Face front of bldg. with aluminum. "Copan" oriental ivory.

ACTION: Disap'd. Recom. removal of paint from the wall, cleaning of the brick, & repainting of wooden trim. Submit sample of preferred trim color for review, 1/8/64.

78	729-15th St., NW D. C. Republican Comm. Campaign Hqtrs.	1 s-f sign, approx. 25 sq-ft. Red, white, & blue. Masonite on wood frame installed with shields & lag screws.

ACTION: App'd. as a tempo. sign, to be removed approx. 11/4/64, 12/31/63.

79	2500 Va. Ave., NW Watergate Realty, Inc.	Rev. of SL 64-61. High-rise elevator apt. bldg., with commercial stores & garages, in reinforced concrete (Bldg. 2).

ACTION: Disap'd. Design not in conformance with terms of ltr. to Mr. J. P. Green, Ass't. Sup't. of Licenses & Permits, dtd. 11/20/63 (SL 64-61), which stated that villas were to be eliminated, that principal cornice was to extend no more than 140' above water level (L. M. W.), & that 1 penthouse would be allowed to extend no more than 10' above the 140' cornice line, 1/8/64.

REPORT OF ACTIONS TAKEN ON OLD GEORGETOWN ACT APPLICATIONS

DEC 1 6 1963

NO OG 64-	ADDRESS AND OWNER	PROJECT
143	1363 Wisc. Ave., NW Francis-Reilly, Inc.	1 canvas awning, shed-type, over showwindow & entr. With fixed iron frames.

ACTION: Recom'd., provided side valance be omitted & roll-type substituted for fixed shed-type. Also lettering on front valance be omitted, Color O. K., 12/3/63.

144	2831 M St., NW Cities Service Oil Co.	Rev. of OG 64-117. Replace 2 exist. flood poles & lights with 2 new poles & 2 fluorescent light fixtures on each pole.

ACTION: Recom'd., 12/3/63.

145	1336-30th St., NW Robert B. Eichholz	Install exterior light fixture at 30th St. entr.

ACTION: Recom'd., 12/3/63.

146	1628-29th St., NW Chas. A. Haskins	Replace broken post heads (lights) with new lights of similar design.

ACTION: Proposed lamps are complicated &too small in scale. Recom. a more simple design composed of fewer parts, 12/3/63.

147	1522-31st St., NW Daniel Shewbrooks	Add 1 coach light to opposite side of door to match exist. fixture.

ACTION: Recom'd., 12/3/63.

148	1528-29th St., NW C. Fleming	Replace exist. coach light at front door with new fixture.

ACTION: Recom'd., 12/3/63.

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DEC 16 1963

NO OG 64-	ADDRESS AND OWNER	PROJECT
149	3122 M St., NW Georgetown Haberdasher	1 s-f, 25 sq-ft sign. Custom made "Williamsburg" caslon upper case individual ltrs. Exist. sign to be removed.

ACTION: Ret'd. for indication of materials & elevation drawing showing relationship of sign to bldg. Recom. that text be respaced on a single horizontal line, with height of ltrs. reduced to 10", 12/3/63.

150	3208 N St., NW Sealtest Foods, Inc.	Install 15'-wide gate in exist. wood fence at driveway in place.

ACTION: Recom'd., 12/3/63.

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DEC 2 4 1963

NO OG 64-	ADDRESS AND OWNER	PROJECT
151	2909 Q St., NW Grace Holtzman	Install new fixture outlet & hang metal carriage type fixture, about 13" high, black in color, on front of above bldg.
ACTION:	No objection, 12/12/63.	
152	3107-09 M St., NW S.S. & Rose Meyerson	Resubm. of OG 64-16. Change exist. plan from plaster to brick cols. on front of bldg.
ACTION:	Recom'd. as revised, 12/9/63.	
153	3077 M St., NW Food Mart	Resubm. of OG 64-129. 1 s-f, 8 sq-ft sign. Individ. ltrs. Alum. ltrs., natural satin finish.
ACTION:	Recom'd., 12/10/63.	
154	3019 M St., NW Georgetown Printing Co.	1 s-f, 20 sq-ft sign. White bckgd., black ltrs. Sketch of printing press, pale blue.
ACTION:	Recom'd., provided ltrs. are of a uniform classical design with capitals throughout. Raise the text slightly for better spacing on the sign. Resubmit sketch showing revised design, 12/10/63.	
155	1342-28th St., NW C. Woods Vest, Jr.	Erect separate accessory bldg. in the rear of 1342-28th St. (a brick garage-playroom).
ACTION:	No obj. Visibility from public space limited to alley & side elevations, 12/10/63.	
156	1241-30th St., NW Mrs. Luis Boelin	Install metal-bestos flue, 8".
ACTION:	Not recom'd. Substitute a brick or stuccoed block chimney for metal asbestos flue, DEC 2 4 1963	
157	3632 Prospect St., NW Edith Saul	Constr. 18" to 36" high brick ret. wall to obtain sufficient private parking.
ACTION:	Recom'd., provided that new brick wall matches color of exist. house, 12/10/63.	

NO OG 64-	ADDRESS AND OWNER	PROJECT
158	1056 Thos. Jefferson St., Jefferson Spring Service	Signs & street numbers on face of bldg.
ACTION:	Recom'd., 12/10/63.	
Inf. 159	3233 Reservoir Rd., NW Carleton B. Swift, Jr.	Erect masonry dwelling.
ACTION:	See attached ltr. dtd. 12/11/63, 12/11/63.	
160	2515-17 P St., NW R. A. Froe	Raze in entirety 2-story frame dwelling. Not condemned by D. C. Gov't.
ACTION:	Recom'd., 12/10/63.	
161	1673-34th St., NW Southampton Invest. Corp.	Rev. of OG 64-124. Resubmittal for brick residence.
ACTION:	Not recom'd. No obj. to relocating side entr. to front elevation, but do not recom. over-elaborate doorway for small scale facade. Substitute simpler design of arched doorway app'd. under OG 64-86, DEC 2 4 1963	
Inf. 162	1727-31 Wisc. Ave., NW D. C. National Bank	New bldg. for D. C. National Bank
ACTION:	See attached ltr. dtd. 12/11/63, 12/11/63.	

11 December 1963

Reference:
Informal
CC 64-159

Dear Mr. Beemer:

I am returning preliminary plans for a residence at ~~3223~~ 3233 Reservoir Road, N.W. with informal approval of the general design. Some details, however, are subject to further study.

As you will recall from the meeting on Tuesday, the members of the Board asked Mr. Yerkes to reconsider the addition of muntins to the windows on the Reservoir Road elevation. In their opinion, the smaller scale openings would be more appropriate and give the facade an added interest. The large casement windows already are a departure from the more typical designs of Georgetown and the addition of muntins would not seem an unreasonable request.

The use of two colors of brick was also questioned, but the members decided to leave the matter open until they have the opportunity to inspect samples of the material.

Sincerely yours,

Charles H. Atherton
Assistant Secretary

Mr. John R. Beemer
Chief, Permit Branch
Department of Licenses and
Inspections
District Building
Washington D.C. 20004

December 11, 1963

Reference:
Informal
CB 64-162

Dear Mr. Beemer:

I am returning preliminary plans for a proposed drive-in bank building at 1727-31 Wisconsin Avenue, N. W. which the Board of Architectural Consultants informally reviewed at its meeting on 10 December.

The general approach to the design appears to be satisfactory. The problem of composing the driveway entrance with the rest of the facade is not entirely resolved, however. The Board members suggested two possible alternatives: (1) Add a substantial horizontal band course above the arches and divide the large window into two openings the same size as the pedestrian entrance, or (2) Relocate the pedestrian entrance to the center so that the two larger openings are symmetrical on either side.

The latter is probably the more desirable exterior arrangement, but may have certain disadvantages in plan, especially the relation of the entrance to the elevator.

In regard to the windows on the second and third floors, it was recommended that each sash be divided into three lights rather than two.

Sincerely yours,

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NO OG 64-	ADDRESS AND OWNER	PROJECT
163	1419-33rd St., NW Henry L. Walker	Apply alum. siding over exterior frame walls on right side & rear from grade to roof eaves. No structural changes or enlargement to structure.
ACTION:	Recom'd., 12/18/63.	
164	1673-34th St., NW Southampton Invest. Co.	Resubm. of OG 64-161. Revised design.
ACTION:	Recom'd. as revised on drawings dtd. 12/13/63, 12/18/63.	
169	1342-28th St., NW Mr & Mrs C. Woods Vest, Jr.	Rev. of OG 64-155. Revision to garage door.
ACTION:	Recom'd. as revised, 12/30/63.	
170	1050-31st St., NW Canal Building	Rev. of OG 64-104 for sign. Ltrs. now to be forged to plaque, small border added to plaque.
ACTION:	Recom'd. as revised, 12/31/63.	

Matters Decided Between 19 November 1963 and 9 January 1964

1. Legislation - Requests for Reports from Committees of Congress

The Commission's views were requested on H.J.Res. 828 and S.J.Res. 136, 88th Congress, identical joint resolutions "To provide for renaming the National Cultural Center as the John Fitzgerald Kennedy Memorial Center, and authorizing an appropriation therefor."

After a telephone poll of the members, the Commission reported no objections to the joint resolutions.

2. Half Dollar Coin - Proposed Design

The Commission was requested by the Director of the Mint, Department of the Treasury, for its advice on designs of the obverse and reverse of a new half dollar coin bearing the likeness of John F. Kennedy.

The obverse consisted of a portrait bust of Mr. Kennedy with the words "Liberty-1964" around the perimeter, and the words "In God We Trust" below the portrait. The reverse was an adaptation of the Presidential Seal encircled by the words "United States of America - Half Dollar."

After viewing photographs of the proposed designs the members voted by mail to approve the design.

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